Testimony in Support of House Bill 5412 - Shared Clean Energy Facilities

Dear Energy Committee members,

I am wholly in support of this bill in front of your committee, ""An Act Concerning Shared Clean Energy Facilities" and I encourage you to support it as much as you can. The bill would allow so many people in homes without solar access to produce solar for their homes.

I am writing to encourage your support for the bill currently before your committee, "An Act Concerning Shared Clean Energy Facilities." The majority of Connecticut homeowners cannot access affordable clean energy because they do not have a suitable site for renewable energy on their own property.

This act will enable all energy customers to participate in shared clean energy facilities and receive credit on their utility bill for their portion of the clean energy produced.

Passage of this act will benefit renters, condo-owners, and homeowners with tree-shaded or otherwise unsuitable homes and enable them to benefit from the state's clean energy programs they contribute into.

Most importantly, it also benefits everyone in the state by reducing the need to run expensive and polluting power plants at peak times when solar works the best.

Thanks for your support. Don van Rhyn

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